

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 4:18 CR 794 RWS
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JARON ZELMAN JACKSON-CRAIG,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT

Come now the parties and hereby agree, as follows:

1. PARTIES:

The parties are the defendant JARON ZELMAN JACKSON-CRAIG, represented by defense counsel Nanci McCarthy, and the United States of America (hereinafter "United States" or "Government"), represented by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. This agreement does not, and is not intended to, bind any governmental office or agency other than the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. The Court is neither a party to nor bound by this agreement.

2. GUILTY PLEA:

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(A), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, in exchange for the defendant's voluntary plea of guilty to Count I of the charge in the Superseding Information, the parties recommend to the court that it grant a downward variance and sentence the defendant to three-years' imprisonment in the Bureau of Prisons. Government also agrees that no further federal prosecution will be brought in this District relative to the defendant's Possession and

Receipt of Child Pornography on between May1, 2016, and November 29, 2016, of which the Government is aware at this time.

The defendant also agrees to waive any right, title, and interest in all items seized by law enforcement officials during the course of their investigation, including, but not limited to: drug paraphernalia, two MacBook Pro laptop computers, Samsung Chromebook laptop computer, three Western Digital external hard drives, a Hitachi external hard drive, CDs, DVDs. The defendant agrees that said items may be disposed of by law enforcement officials in any manner.

The parties understand that the District Court is neither a party to nor bound by the Guidelines recommendations agreed to in this document.

3. ELEMENTS:

As to Count I of the Superseding Information, the defendant admits to knowingly violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B), and admits there is a factual basis for the plea and further fully understands that the elements of the crime of Possession of Child Pornography which he admits to knowingly committing and for which he admits there is a factual basis are: (1) defendant knowingly possessed material that contained images of child pornography, (2) which were visual depictions where the production of such visual depictions involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depictions were of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and (3) those images are contained on material that has been transported in interstate commerce.

4. FACTS:

The parties agree that the facts in this case are as follows and that the Government would prove these facts beyond a reasonable doubt if the case were to go to trial. These facts may be considered as relevant conduct pursuant to Section 1B1.3:

May 21, 2016, Sgt. Muffler of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department was conducting an online child exploitation investigation regarding BitTorrent. Sgt. Muffler identified the suspect's computer as possessing files of child pornography. Muffler was able directly connect to defendant's computer and download child pornography files from the computer.

Based upon identifying the IP address and additional investigation, a valid search warrant was obtained and properly executed on November 29, 2016, at defendant's residence, which is located in the Eastern District of Missouri. Defendant was not home when the search warrant was executed, however, his mother was. She said that defendant was at work.

Det. Lucca and Det. Slaughter, both St. Louis County police officers, located defendant at his place of employment. Defendant voluntarily accompanied them to their police car. Det. Lucca informed defendant of his *Miranda* rights and defendant knowingly waived those rights and agreed to speak with the police. Defendant said researched child pornography. He later said he did it for his sexual gratification.

Defendant said he used BitTorrent to download child pornography. Defendant admitted the laptop computer that was on the bed was his and that he was the sole user of it. He said he used it download child pornography and had been doing so for a couple of years.

He said he was sexually attracted to the images of child pornography and masturbated to them. He said he deleted the child pornography about a week after he downloaded it.

Defendant understood that he was downloaded the child pornography from others and knew that others could download child pornography from his computer. He estimated that he had downloaded thousands of files of child pornography.

Det. Lucca showed the files downloaded by Sgt. Muffler. Defendant viewed the files and acknowledged that he had downloaded the files and had seen them before.

During the execution of the search warrant, police seized the following from defendant's bedroom: drug paraphernalia, two MacBook Pro laptop computers, Samsung Chromebook laptop computer, three Western Digital external hard drives, a Hitachi external hard drive, CDs, DVDs. One of the MacBook Pro laptop computers was on located on defendant's bed.

Det. Bob O'Neal forensically examined the seized devices. The Apple MacBook Pro laptop computer that police located on defendant's bed was examined. That computer contained a HGST hard drive that had been produced in Thailand and, therefore, traveled in interstate and foreign commerce. Det. O'Neal located 1,780 images and 8 videos of child pornography on the hard drive that included, but were not limited to:

- a. "bd-company_full_(Series_1_of_beautiful_pretty_TANYA)_867123.avi," a fifty-nine minute graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals;
- b. "Lolita Arina-05.avi," a graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals; and
- c. "LS_Vide_105a.avi," a graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals.

Det. O'Neal also forensically an external Western Digital hard drive (SN: WXE508JF2986). He located 217 deleted image files and one deleted video file of child pornography. He also located deleted file names that were indicative of child pornography.

Det. O'Neal examined the other Apple MacBook Pro laptop computer and did not locate anything of evidentiary value, nor did he locate anything of evidentiary value on the Samsung

Chromebook, the Hitachi external hard drive, CDs, DVDs, nor two of the Western Digital external hard drives.

SUMMARY

In summary, and as the defendant now admits, between May 1, 2016, and November 29, 2016, in the Eastern District of Missouri, defendant knowingly possess images and videos of child pornography on his HGST hard drive, including, but not limited to:

- a. “bd-company_full_(Series_1_of_beautiful_pretty_TANYA)_867123.avi,” a fifty-nine minute graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals;
- b. “Lolita Arina-05.avi,” a graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals; and
- c. “LS_Vide_105a.avi,” a graphic video file that depicts, in part, a prepubescent minor female in a lascivious display of her genitals.

Defendant admits that he possessed more than 600 images of child pornography where each video is considered the equivalent of 75 images. Defendant admits that some images portrayed prepubescent minor victims engaged sexually explicit conduct. Defendant admits that his HGST hard drive was produced in Thailand and, therefore, traveled in interstate and foreign commerce.

Defendant further admits that the internet is a computer communications network using interstate and foreign lines to transmit data streams, including data streams used to store, transfer and receive graphic files. The internet is a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

5. STATUTORY PENALTIES:

As to Count I of the Superseding Information, the defendant fully understands that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for the crime of Possession of Child Pornography to which the defendant is pleading guilty is imprisonment of not more than twenty years, and a fine of not more than \$250,000. The Court may also impose a period of supervised release of not more than life and not less than five years.

6. U. S. SENTENCING GUIDELINES: 2016 MANUAL:

The defendant understands that this offense is affected by the U. S. Sentencing Guidelines and the actual sentencing range is determined by both the Total Offense Level and the Criminal History Category. The parties agree that the following are the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Total Offense Level provisions that apply.

a. Chapter 2 Offense Conduct:

(1) **Base Offense Level:** The parties agree that the base offense level is eighteen (18) as found in Section 2G2.2(a)(1).

(2) **Specific Offense Characteristics:** The parties agree that the following Specific Offense Characteristics apply:

- (a) two (2) levels should be added pursuant to 2G2.2(b)(2) because “the material involved a prepubescent minor or a minor who had not attained the age of 12 years,”
- (b) two (2) levels should be added pursuant to 2G2.2(b)(3)(F) because the offense involved distribution of child pornography,
- (c) two (2) levels should be added pursuant to Section 2G2.2(b)(6), because “the offense involved the use of a computer or an

interactive computer service for the possession, transmission, receipt, or distribution of the material,”

- (d) five (5) levels should be added pursuant to Section 2G2.2(b)(7)(D), because the offense involved “at least 600 images” of child pornography.

b. **Chapter 3 Adjustments:**

- (1) **Acceptance of Responsibility:** The parties agree that three levels should be deducted pursuant to Section 3E1.1(a) and (b), because the defendant has clearly demonstrated acceptance of responsibility and timely notified the government of the defendant's intention to plead guilty. The parties agree that the defendant's eligibility for this deduction is based upon information presently known. If subsequent to the taking of the guilty plea the government receives new evidence of statements or conduct by the defendant that it believes are inconsistent with defendant's eligibility for this deduction, the government may assert that the defendant should not receive all or part of the deduction pursuant to Section 3E1.1.
- (2) **Other Adjustments:** The parties recommend that the following adjustments, other than acceptance of responsibility, apply: none.

c. **Estimated Total Offense Level:** The parties estimate that the Total Offense Level is twenty-six (26). The parties, however, request that the Court grant a downward variance and sentence defendant to three years' imprisonment.

d. **Criminal History:** The determination of the defendant's Criminal History Category shall be left to the Court. Either party may challenge, before and at sentencing, the

finding of the Presentence Report as to the defendant's criminal history and the applicable category. The defendant's criminal history is known to the defendant and is substantially available in the Pretrial Services Report.

g. **Effect of Parties' U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Analysis:** The parties agree that the Court is not bound by the Guidelines analysis agreed to herein. The parties may not have foreseen all applicable Guidelines. The Court may, in its discretion, apply or not apply any Guideline despite the agreement herein and the parties shall not be permitted to withdraw from the plea agreement.

7. **WAIVER OF APPEAL AND POST-CONVICTION RIGHTS:**

a. **Appeal:** The defendant has been fully apprised by defense counsel of the defendant's rights concerning appeal and fully understands the right to appeal the sentence under Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742.

(1) **Non-Sentencing Issues:** The parties waive all rights to appeal all non-jurisdictional, non-sentencing issues, including, but not limited to, any issues relating to pretrial motions, discovery and the guilty plea, the constitutionality of the statute(s) to which defendant is pleading guilty and whether defendant's conduct falls within the scope of the statute(s).

(2) **Sentencing Issues:** In the event the Court accepts the plea, accepts the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Total Offense Level agreed to herein, and, after determining a Sentencing Guidelines range, sentences the defendant within or below that range, then, as part of this agreement, the defendant hereby waives all rights to appeal all sentencing issues other than Criminal History, but only if it affects the Base Offense Level or Criminal History Category. Similarly, the Government hereby waives all rights to appeal all sentencing issues other than

Criminal History, provided the Court accepts the plea, the agreed Total Offense Level and sentences the defendant within or above that range.

b. **Habeas Corpus:** The defendant agrees to waive all rights to contest the conviction or sentence in any post-conviction proceeding, including one pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255, except for claims of prosecutorial misconduct or ineffective assistance of counsel.

c. **Right to Records:** The defendant waives all rights, whether asserted directly or by a representative, to request from any department or agency of the United States any records pertaining to the investigation or prosecution of this case, including any records that may be sought under the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 522, or the Privacy Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(a).

8. **OTHER:**

a. **Disclosures Required by the United States Probation Office:** The defendant agrees to truthfully complete and sign forms as required by the United States Probation Office prior to sentencing and consents to the release of these forms and any supporting documentation by the United States Probation Office to the Government.

b. **Civil or Administrative Actions not Barred; Effect on Other Governmental Agencies:** Nothing contained herein limits the rights and authority of the United States to take any civil, tax, immigration/deportation or administrative action against the defendant.

c. **Supervised Release:** Pursuant to any supervised release term, the Court will impose standard conditions upon the defendant and may impose special conditions related to the crime defendant committed. Some of these special conditions may include that defendant not possess a computer or internet access, that defendant not have contact with minors without the

authorization of the Probation Officer, that defendant participate in sexual offender counseling and that defendant not maintain a post office box. In addition, as a condition of supervised release, defendant shall initially register with the state sex offender registration in Missouri, and shall also register with the state sex offender registration agency in any state where defendant resides, is employed, works, or is a student, as directed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall comply with all requirements of federal and state sex offender registration laws.

These and any other special conditions imposed by the Court will be restrictions with which defendant will be required to adhere. Violation of the conditions of supervised release resulting in revocation may require the defendant to serve a term of imprisonment equal to the length of the term of supervised release, but not greater than the term set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3583(e)(3), without credit for the time served after release. The defendant understands that parole has been abolished.

d. Mandatory Special Assessment: Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013, the Court is required to impose a mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count for a total of \$100, which the defendant agrees to pay at the time of sentencing. Money paid by the defendant toward any restitution or fine imposed by the Court shall be first used to pay any unpaid mandatory special assessment.

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3014, for offenses occurring on or after May 29, 2015, and before October 1, 2019, the Court is required to impose an assessment of \$5,000 on any non-indigent defendant convicted of an offense under –

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(3) Chapter 110 (relating to sexual exploitation and other abuse of children, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §2251(a) (production of child pornography) and 18

U.S.C. § 2252A (transportation, distribution, receipt, possession, or access with the intent to view child pornography)). . . .

The assessment imposed under 18 U.S.C. § 3014 is in addition to the mandatory special assessment imposed under 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

e. **Possibility of Detention:** The defendant shall be subject to immediate detention pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3143.

f. **Fines, Restitution and Costs of Incarceration and Supervision:** The Court may impose a fine, restitution (in addition to any penalty authorized by law), costs of incarceration and costs of supervision. The defendant agrees that any fine or restitution imposed by the Court will be due and payable immediately. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3663A and 2259, an order of restitution is mandatory for all crimes listed in Sections 3663A(c) and 2259. Regardless of the Count of conviction, the amount of mandatory restitution imposed shall include all amounts allowed by Sections 3663A(b) and 2259 and the amount of loss agreed to by the parties, including all relevant conduct loss. The defendant agrees to provide full restitution to all victims of all charges in the indictment without regard to the count or counts to which the defendant has agreed to plead guilty.

g. **Forfeiture:** The defendant agrees the stipulated facts above are sufficient to support forfeiture of certain assets pursuant to the applicable forfeiture authorities. Defendant specifically agrees to the forfeiture of the following: Apple MacBook Pro laptop computer, HGST hard drive, and Western Digital hard drive (SN: WXE508JF2986). The defendant agrees the Court may enter a consent preliminary order of forfeiture any time before sentencing, and such Order will become final as to the defendant when it is issued and will be part of the sentence. The defendant agrees not to object to any administrative, civil or criminal forfeiture

brought against any assets subject to forfeiture. The defendant will execute any documents and take all steps needed to transfer title or ownership of said assets to the Government and/or to rebut the claims of nominees and/or alleged third party owners. The defendant knowingly and intelligently waives all constitutional and statutory challenges to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with this plea agreement, including but not limited to that defendant was not given adequate notice of forfeiture in the charging instrument. Include the next paragraph in all cases whether or not there is a forfeiture allegation: The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives any right, title, and interest in all items seized by law enforcement officials during the course of their investigation, whether or not they are subject to forfeiture, and agrees not to contest the vesting of title of such items in the United States. The defendant agrees that said items may be disposed of by law enforcement officials in any manner.

9. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER OF THE DEFENDANT'S RIGHTS:

In pleading guilty, the defendant acknowledges, fully understands and hereby waives his rights, including but not limited to: the right to plead not guilty to the charges; the right to be tried by a jury in a public and speedy trial; the right to file pretrial motions, including motions to suppress or exclude evidence; the right at such trial to a presumption of innocence; the right to require the Government to prove the elements of the offenses charged against the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt; the right not to testify; the right not to present any evidence; the right to be protected from compelled self-incrimination; the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses; the right to testify and present evidence and the right to compel the attendance of witnesses. The defendant further understands that by this guilty plea, the defendant expressly waives all the rights set forth in this paragraph.

The defendant fully understands that the defendant has the right to be represented by counsel, and if necessary, to have the Court appoint counsel at trial and at every other stage of the proceeding. The defendant's counsel has explained these rights and the consequences of the waiver of these rights. The defendant fully understands that, as a result of the guilty plea, no trial will, in fact, occur and that the only action remaining to be taken in this case is the imposition of the sentence.

Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant will be subject to federal and state sex offender registration requirements, and that those requirements may apply for life. The defendant understands that defendant must keep said registrations current, shall notify the state sex offender registration agency or agencies of any changes to defendant's name, place of residence, employment, or student status, or other relevant information. Defendant shall comply with requirements to periodically verify in person said sex offender registration information. Defendant understands that defendant will be subject to possible federal and state penalties for failure to comply with any such sex offender registration requirements. If defendant resides in Missouri following release from prison, defendant will be subject to the registration requirements of Missouri state law. Defendant further understands that, under 18 U.S.C. § 4042(c), notice will be provided to certain law enforcement agencies upon release from confinement following conviction. Defense counsel has advised the defendant of the possible sex offender registration consequences resulting from the plea.

If the defendant is not a U.S. citizen, the guilty plea could impact defendant's immigration status or result in deportation. In particular, if any crime to which defendant is pleading guilty is an "aggravated felony" as defined by Title 8, United States Code, Section 1101(a)(43), removal or deportation is presumed mandatory. Defense counsel has advised the

defendant of the possible immigration consequences, including deportation, resulting from the plea.

The defendant is fully satisfied with the representation received from defense counsel. The defendant has reviewed the Government's evidence and discussed the Government's case and all possible defenses and defense witnesses with defense counsel. Defense counsel has completely and satisfactorily explored all areas which the defendant has requested relative to the Government's case and any defenses.

10. VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE GUILTY PLEA AND PLEA AGREEMENT:

This document constitutes the entire agreement between the defendant and the Government, and no other promises or inducements have been made, directly or indirectly, by any agent of the Government, including any Department of Justice attorney, concerning any plea to be entered in this case. In addition, the defendant states that no person has, directly or indirectly, threatened or coerced the defendant to do or refrain from doing anything in connection with any aspect of this case, including entering a plea of guilty.

The defendant acknowledges having voluntarily entered into both the plea agreement and the guilty plea. The defendant further acknowledges that this guilty plea is made of the defendant's own free will and that the defendant is, in fact, guilty.

11. CONSEQUENCES OF POST-PLEA MISCONDUCT:


After pleading guilty and before sentencing, if defendant commits any crimes, other than minor traffic offenses, violates any conditions of release that results in revocation, violates any term of this guilty-plea agreement, intentionally provides misleading, incomplete or untruthful information to the U.S. Probation Office or fails to appear for sentencing, the United States, at its option, may be released from its obligations under this agreement. The Government may also, in

its discretion, proceed with this agreement and may advocate for any sentencing position supported by the facts, including but not limited to obstruction of justice and denial of acceptance of responsibility.

12. NO RIGHT TO WITHDRAW GUILTY PLEA:

Pursuant to Rule 11(c) and (d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the defendant understands that there will be no right to withdraw the plea entered under this agreement, except where the Court rejects those portions of the plea agreement which deal with charges the Government agrees to dismiss or not to bring.

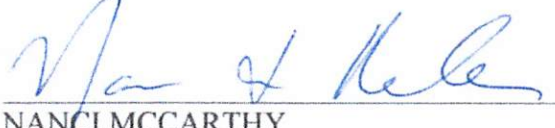
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